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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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TYRONE T. NALL,

Petitioner,

V.

RENEE BAKER, et al.,

Respondents.

Nevada state prisoner petitioner Tyrone T. Nall has filed a *pro se* habeas corpus petition challenging the computation of his consecutive sentences (ECF No. 1-1). His application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted. The petition is dismissed as noncognizable on federal habeas review.

Nall is serving 10 consecutive sentences of 32 to 110 months (ECF No. 1-1). He argues that the Nevada Department of Corrections improperly failed to apply statutory credits toward sentences he has already expired or been paroled from. A state prisoner is entitled to federal habeas relief only if he is being held in custody in violation of the constitution, laws or treaties of the United States. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a). Unless an issue of federal constitutional or statutory law is implicated by the facts presented, the claim is not cognizable under federal habeas corpus. *Estelle v. McGuire*, 502 U.S. 62, 68 (1991). A petitioner may not transform a state-law issue into a federal one merely by asserting a violation of due process. *Langford v. Day*, 110 F.3d 1380, 1381 (9th Cir. 1996). Alleged errors in the interpretation or application of state law do not warrant habeas relief. *Hubbart v. Knapp*, 379 F.3d 773, 779-80 (9th Cir. 2004). Nall presents a

state-law issue that is not cognizable in *federal* habeas corpus. Thus, the petition is dismissed.

The court further notes that the claim is not cognizable in federal habeas because success on the merits of this claim would not necessarily result in Nall's immediate or faster release as it would not necessarily result in a grant of parole. *Nettles v. Grounds*, 830 F.3d 922, 935 (9th Cir. 2016).

The court will not issue a certificate of appealability, as reasonable jurists would not debate the dismissal of this petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that petitioner's application to proceed *in forma* pauperis (ECF No. 1) is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall detach and file the petition (ECF No. 1-1).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the petition is **DISMISSED** as set forth in this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of appealability is **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly and close this case.

DATED this 28th day of October, 2019.

LARRY R. HICKS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE